

For all the procrastinators still scrambling to pay their federal taxes today, as well as those who received and spent their refunds weeks ago: Does anybody feel guilty about not paying enough?

If you're out there, some Washington lawmakers are apparently worried about you. To accommodate these guilt-ridden souls, the "Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is Act" has been introduced in the House. It would allow individuals to make a contribution to the feds by simply checking a box on a tax form.

Want to pay more than your normal tax liability?

Check.

Americans might not have realized legislation such as this was needed. But, according to Rep. John Campbell, a California Republican sponsoring the bill, it's time for "high-profile liberals like Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, Warren Buffett and Barbra Streisand who have publicly stated that Americans should pay more taxes to put their money where their mouth is."

That might seem like a clever and original idea.

It's not.

Americans can already treat the treasury like their favorite charity. The Bureau of Public Debt, part of the U.S. Department of Treasury, accepts gifts donated to the government. The gifts - about \$2.6 million last year - are specifically dedicated to reducing the national debt - the same debt driven higher by lawmakers, some of whom apparently also have time to promote silly bills.